Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-3214

April 27, 2022

Dear Chair Rosa DeLauro and Ranking Member Kay Granger:

I am requesting funding for NYC Health and Hospitals Jacobi Stand Up to Violence Mental Health Services Expansion for fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is NYC Health + Hospitals Jacobi, located at 1400 Pelham Pkwy S, The Bronx, NY 10461.

The funding would be used for the expansion of the Jacobi Stand Up to Violence Mental Health Services project to increase capacity. For FY23, this will allow the program to hire 2 social workers, 2 caseworkers, 2 creative therapists, and 1 full-time psychiatrist, all who are experienced in treating trauma and violence. These new positions would allow for a more meaningful and robust mental health component to the outreach and hospital-based team, where they could offer groups, medication management, and other creative forms of therapy, all in one setting starting at the time of initial engagement with their patients.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Member of Congress